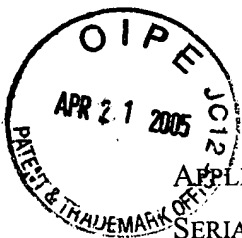


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 21, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension, these documents are due on or before April 21, 2005. Applicant submits herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Thus, Applicant believes no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-026 CIP2.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.